

***Election/Restrictions***

Claims 33-41, 43-46, 48-54 and 65-69 allowable. The restriction requirement among the inventions, as set forth in the Office action mailed on 06/19/2009, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn.** In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Claims 55-64 are rejoined.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arthur Crawford on 10/5/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

The following was inserted in the line after line 16 which reads "nm in a 0.7  $\mu$ M solution)."

-- Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 shows a glucose response curve.

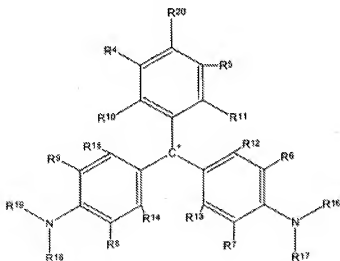
Fig. 2 shows a normalized spectrum of AF594 and HCMCV-1-dextran. --

In the Claims

Claims 42, 47, 58 and 64 were cancelled.

Claim 55 was replaced by the following:

-- 55. A dye compound having the formula:



wherein:

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$R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8$  and  $R^9$  are each independently H, halogen, alkyl, aryl, O-alkyl or S-alkyl and  $R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}, R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are each independently hydrogen, O-alkyl, S-alkyl, or alkyl, or one or more pairs of groups  $R^4$  and  $R^{10}$  and/or  $R^5$  and  $R^{11}$  and/or  $R^6$  and  $R^{12}$  and/or  $R^7$  and  $R^{13}$  and/or  $R^8$  and  $R^{14}$  and/or  $R^9$  and  $R^{15}$  is a bridging group consisting of aryl, alkylene, O-alkylene, S-alkylene or N-alkylene optionally substituted with one or more of  $SO_3^-$ ,  $PO_3^{2-}$ , OH, O-alkyl, SH, S-alkyl, COOH,  $COO^-$  ester, amide, halogen, SO-alkyl,  $SO_2$ -alkyl,  $SO_2NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NH$ -alkyl,  $SO_2N$ -dialkyl,  $SO_3$ -alkyl, CN, secondary amine or tertiary amine, provided that not all of  $R^{10}, R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}, R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are hydrogen;  $R^{16}, R^{17}, R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  are each independently H, alkyl or aryl, or one or more of  $R^{16}$  and  $R^{17}$  or  $R^{18}$  and  $R^{19}$  is alkylene, optionally substituted with one or more of  $SO_3^-$ ,  $PO_3^{2-}$ , OH, O-alkyl, SH, S-alkyl, COOH,  $COO^-$ , ester, amide, halogen, SO-alkyl,  $SO_2$ -alkyl,  $SO_2NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NH$ -alkyl,  $SO_2N$ -dialkyl,  $SO_3$ -alkyl, CN, secondary amine or tertiary amine; or one or more of pairs of groups  $R^6$  and  $R^{16}$ ,  $R^{17}$  and  $R^{17}$ ,  $R^8$  and  $R^{18}$ , and  $R^9$  and  $R^{19}$  is alkylene, O-alkylene, S-alkylene or N-alkylene optionally substituted with one or more of  $SO_3^-$ ,  $PO_3^{2-}$ , OH, O-alkyl, SH, S-alkyl, COOH,  $COO^-$ , ester, amide, halogen, SO-alkyl,  $SO_2$ -alkyl,  $SO_2NH_2$ ,  $SO_2NH$ -alkyl,  $SO_2N$ -dialkyl,  $SO_3$ -alkyl, CN, secondary amine or tertiary amine

and

$R^{20}$  is a linker element selected from the group consisting of an active ester, an isothiocyanate, an acid chloride, an  $\alpha$ -halogenated ketone, an azide and an amine of the formula:



R<sup>21</sup> is H or alkyl or aryl optionally substituted with one or more of SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, OH, O-alkyl, SH, S-alkyl, COOH, COO<sup>-</sup>, ester, amide, halogen, SO-alkyl, SO<sub>2</sub>N-dialkyl, CN, secondary amine or tertiary amine and R<sup>22</sup> is alkylene, O-alkylene, S-alkylene or N-alkylene or R<sup>21</sup> and R<sup>22</sup> are part of a ring, optionally substituted with one or more of SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, OH, O-alkyl, SH, S-alkyl, COOH, COO<sup>-</sup>, ester, amide, halogen, SO-alkyl, SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NH-alkyl, SO<sub>2</sub>N-dialkyl, SO<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, CN, secondary amine or tertiary amine and

R<sup>23</sup> is o-succinimidyl, o-pentafluorophenyl, Cl or α-halogenated alkyl; and optionally comprising a counterion. --

Claim 61 was replaced by the following:

-- 61. A method of detecting or measuring an analyte with a reagent as claimed in Claim 33, comprising the steps of:

contacting the reagent with a sample;

illuminating the reagent and sample with light of wavelength within the absorption spectrum of the fluorescent energy donor;

detecting non-radiative energy transfer between the energy donor and energy acceptor by measuring the fluorescence of the energy donor; and

correlating the fluorescence measurements with the presence or concentration of the analyte. --

In claim 62, at line 2, "measuring" was deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUSAN HANLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-2508. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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